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Mr. A. H. McAfee, President
Stone Mountain Scenic Railroad
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Dear Mr. McAfee:


On March 19, 1970, you answered a letter from Mr. J. R. Edwards, President of the Wasatch Railway Museum and Foundation, Inc. The Wasatch Railway Museum is now jointly working with a developing stock holder company in the organization of a scenic railroad and museum within the Wasatch Mountain State Park of Utah. We are in the preliminary stages of working out an agreement with the Utah State Park Board regarding use of an existing right-of-way within the park. Since this will be the first scenic railroad in Utah, many questions have been presented to both sides as just how a steam powered scenic railway should exist within a state park area.

We feel the Stone Mountain Railroad and the developing Wasatch Mountain Railway could have much in common regarding state park orientation. Would it be possible to obtain several copies of both your 1969 and 1970 annual stock holders reports on the Stone Mountain Railroad. If the 1970 annual report has not been published, could we obtain copies when it is released?

Any information regarding aspects of your total organization as a tourist railroad would be appreciated. Have you any ideas which would present the best possible situation concerning a working scenic railroad within a state park? Did the Stone Mountain Railroad Co. have to sell the idea of a scenic steam railway to the Georgia State Park Board? Is it hard to find people to run such railroads? Are scenic railroads good for state parks in general? Do scenic railroads attract more commercial tourist development in and around a state park? Could you explain what type of agreement the Stone Mountain Railroad has for its use of a right-of-way? This last question is possibly answered in the annual reports.

Your kind help in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Any and all information to the above material will be kept confidential.

Sincerely,



E. M. McLaughlin
Director, Wasatch Mountain
Railway

